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**SUBJECT: Completion of Excavation Operations at the Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM)
Project - (EM-ER-04-042)**

Dear Mr. Koch and Mr. Ceto:

On February 22, the GEM project completed retrieval of waste per INEEL/EXT-02-00703, *Excavation Plan and Sequential Process Narrative for the OU 7-10 Glovebox Excavator Method Project*. This meets the requirement of milestone 3.1.7 of the *Agreement to Resolve Disputes* (ARD). Per paragraph 3.4.4.C.i. of the ARD, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency are requested to authorize release of the remaining \$2 million held in reserve.

Please contact me at 208-526-5920 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Snook", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jeff Snook, Manager
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